



PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. **04329.2704**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| Kazuyuki SATO |) Group Art Unit: 2116 |
| Application No.: 10/004,888 |) Examiner: Abdelmoniem I. Elamin |
| Filed: December 7, 2001 |) Confirmation No.: 7604 |
| For: HARDWARE MANAGEMENT APPARATUS |))) |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, the period for response extending to October 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.